

BOOK NOTICES.

Hand-Book of Equity Jurisprudence. By Norman Fetter. Sheep. Price, \$3.75. West Publishing Co., St. Paul, 1895.

This volume represents the sixth in the Hornbook Series, the characteristic features of which are now well known. It is written expressly for the use of students, and the author confines himself to a clear, forcible presentation of the fundamental principles which underlie the doctrines of equity jurisprudence. In a terse but pleasing style he opens the subject with a discussion of the nature of equity, and the principles which define and limit the jurisdiction of courts of equity. The familiar maxims of equity, classified as enabling and restrictive, are analyzed, their meaning and application clearly explained, and their limitations forcibly presented. The body of the work is devoted to a presentation of the equitable doctrines of Estoppel, Election, Performance, Purchase, Assignees, etc., and the position of property held in trust, or under mortgages, liens, and assignments. Equitable remedies, such as Accounting, Contribution, Subrogation, Specific Performance, etc., are treated with clearness and brevity. The book bears every evidence of careful preparation and will be of real value to a student desirous of laying a firm foundation for a more comprehensive knowledge of the subject to be acquired from the more elaborate and exhaustive treatises of Pomeroy, Story and Bispham.

Manual for Election Officers and Voters in the State of New York, containing the General Election Law and Town Meeting Law. By F. G. Jewett, Clerk to the Secretary of State. Sheep; 260 pp. Matthew Bender, Albany, 1894.

This is the second edition of this work, and the volume contains in addition to the laws mentioned in the title, the provisions of the Penal Code, General Laws and Constitution of the State of New York relative to elections and election officers. For state and county elective officers this book must prove invaluable, as the laws governing primaries, conventions, town meetings and the conduct of elections are gathered together in convenient form under appropriate heads. The political divisions of the states, including the election, senate, assembly, congressional, judicial and

school commission districts are all defined. The laws relating to naturalization, citizenship and the qualifications, privileges and disabilities of voters are given in full. The work has been carefully indexed and arranged and bears evidence of careful compilation, and the name and position of the editor is a sufficient guarantee that lawyers and voters, as well as others in any way interested in the subjects treated, can depend upon it for absolute accuracy.

Digest of Insurance Cases. Embracing the Decisions of the Supreme and Circuit Courts of the United States, of the Supreme and Appellate Courts of the Various States and Foreign Countries, upon Disputed Points in Fire, Life, Marine, Accident and Assessment Insurance, and affecting Fraternal Benefit Orders. With References to Annotated Insurance Cases and Leading Articles in Law Journals on Insurance. For the Year Ending October 31, 1894. By John A. Finch. The Rough Notes Co., Indianapolis, 1894.

The Insurance Agent. His Rights, Duties and Liabilities. By John A. Finch, of the Indianapolis Bar. Sheep; price, \$1.50. The Bowen-Merrill Co., Indianapolis, 1894.

This neat and tastefully bound little booklet of thirty-six pages, should be on the office table of every insurance agent. Its pages are devoted to a discussion of the legal status of the insurance agent, under the following heads: (1) Who is an agent of the company; (2) Classes of agents and their powers; (3) The broker as an agent; (4) Of the adjuster; (5) Personal liabilities of the agent to the company; (6) Personal liabilities of the agent to the insured; (7) Unlawful discharge of the agent; (8) Ownership of the agency, and (9) Statutory penalties. A leading case on each head is cited which is followed by a sufficient number of cases to show the current of the law. Mr. Finch is a recognized authority on insurance law and this little book, which is so small that it can be conveniently carried in the pocket, will prove very valuable to insurance agents.

American Electrical Cases. A Collection of all the Important Cases (excepting patent cases) decided in the State and Federal Courts of the United States from 1873 on subjects relating to the Telegraph, the Telephone, Electric Light and Power, and other Practical Uses of Electricity, with Annotations. By Wm. W. Morrell. Vol. I., 1873-1885. Vol. II., 1886-1889. Price, \$6.00 per volume. Matthew Bender, Albany, 1895.

These two compact, well-bound volumes of 900 pages each, represent volumes I. and II. of a series which the publisher promises will contain all the important decisions of our State and Federal Courts on questions bearing on the rights, duties and liabilities of corporations using electricity as an agent whether for telegraph, telephone, electric light, electric power or otherwise. The wonderful increase in litigation which has arisen during the last few years through the application of electricity to commercial uses is shown by a comparison of these two volumes. The first covers the important cases which arose during the period from 1873 to 1885, and the second, a volume of the same size, covers only the years 1886 to 1889, a period but one-fourth as long. It is estimated that it will require three volumes more to bring the cases down to 1895 and thereafter one volume each year to keep abreast of the decisions. The method of arrangement is very complete and satisfactory. As far as possible the cases upon the same or similar subjects are grouped together and the headnotes of each are followed by a list of the cases of this series therein cited, with reference to volume and page where each may be found. The opinion of the court is followed by a concise note referring to other cases supporting or denying the doctrine therein advanced. The volumes contain not only a very complete and carefully arranged index but also several pages of notes, which contain memoranda of cases which the editor did not think of sufficient importance to print in full. These volumes will prove of inestimable value to the members of the profession who are interested in litigation arising out of the use of electricity in its various forms.